

Figure 5. (a) INDO spin densities at endo ( $\mathbf{\Delta}$ ), exo ( $\bullet$ ), equatorial $(\Delta)$, and axial ( $O$ ) protons as a function of the conformation of the six-membered ring for an axial NO group. (b) Ratio of these spin densities for protons on the same carbon atom.
and sign (Figures 3, 4a, and 5a). s-Orbital spin densities at endo and equatorial protons are highly dependent both in magnitude and sign on the $>\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{O}$ conformation (Figures 3 and $4 a$ ) and these protons are directly involved in the empirical W-plan description. ${ }^{17}$ A boat conformation ( $\psi=220^{\circ}$ ) for the six-membered ring is consistent with the experimental signs (Figure 3). On the other hand, a chair conformation $\left(120^{\circ}<\psi<\right.$
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$160^{\circ}$ ) gives positive spin density at equatorial protons only for positive $\varphi$ (Figure 4 a ). The best fit is obtained for $\varphi=30^{\circ}$ (Figure 4b) and $\psi=120^{\circ}$ (Figure 5b). ${ }^{18}$ Moreover, this conformation has the lowest INDO calculated energy, and the observed hfsc's are in agreement with the W rule.

It may tentatively be concluded that these two radicals have a six-membered ring in a chair conformation, as in the tropinone series, ${ }^{19}$ and predominantly an axial $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{O}$ group.

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(18) If we assume that radical II has the conformation where $\psi=$ $120^{\circ}$ and $\varphi=30^{\circ}$, we can estimate the ratio, $r_{\mathrm{st}}$, of the hfsc ( $a_{\mathrm{N}}$ ) to calculated s-orbital spin density ( $\rho^{\mathrm{s}} \mathrm{M1}$ ) for a given nucleus $\mathrm{M}: r_{\mathrm{M}}=a_{\mathrm{M}} / \rho^{\mathrm{s}} \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{M}}$. It is found that for $\gamma$ protons, $1000<r_{\mathrm{H} \gamma}<1500$, for $\beta$ protons $r_{\mathrm{H} \beta} \sim$ 3000, and for nitrogen $r_{\mathrm{A}} \sim 800$. The quantities are much larger than those given by Pople: $r_{\mathrm{H}}=539.86$ and $r_{\mathrm{N}}=379.34$. It is seen that INDO calculations underestimate s-orbital spin densities at $\gamma$ protons. In our opinion, too much spin density is kept at the two heteroatoms of the "radical center," and this may deserve a new analysis of the N and O INDO parameters for the nitroxide group.
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# Molecular Structure of Bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane 

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#### Abstract

The molecular structure of bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane has been determined by gas-phase electron diffraction. The geometry of this bicyclic compound was determined by resolution of the refined radial distribution curve, followed by a least-squares fitting of the calculated intensity curve to that observed. The structural parameters thus determined are as follows: $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{5}=1.544 \pm 0.015, \mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}=1.565 \pm 0.024, \mathrm{C}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{3}=1.513 \pm 0.015$, and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=$ $1.112 \pm 0.003 \AA$ and the dihedral angle of the four-membered ring is $125.0 \pm 2.0^{\circ}$. A comparison of this structure with tricyclo[3,3.0.0 ${ }^{2.6}$ ]octane has been made in order to check the constancy of some $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond lengths.


Several strained polycyclic hydrocarbons have been subjected to structural studies owing to their rigidity and their importance for the discussions of nonbonded interactions, chemical reactivity, and strain energy calculations. ${ }^{1}$ Bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane is one of the strained compounds in the series under investigation by the author at this laboratory. It is chosen for this study in order to make a valid, meaningful comparison with the previous determined structure of tricyclo[3.3.0.0 ${ }^{2,6}$ ]octane, ${ }^{16}$ and to investigate the constancy of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond length and the puckering in cyclobutane ring. It is also the purpose of this study to report a concise, true structure of this molecule, since an earlier electron diffraction study ${ }^{2}$ is not conclusive owing to false assumption in the analysis.
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## Experimental Section

The sample of bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane was furnished by Dr. F. Uno and Professor J. Meinwald of Cornell University. Sectored electron diffraction photographs were taken with the apparatus at Professor Bauer's laboratory at Cornell University; it has been described elsewhere. ${ }^{3}$ Two sets of data were obtained for this compound under the following conditions: 65 kV at a $251.2-\mathrm{mm}$ sample-to-plate distance covered the angular range from $q=10$ to $38 \AA^{-1}$, and $65 \mathrm{kV}, 124.1 \mathrm{~mm}$, covered the range $q=26$ to 128 $\AA^{-1}(q=(40 / \lambda) \sin \theta / 2)$. MgO diffraction patterns were concurrently recorded for scale factors. The scattering patterns were microphotometered with a double-beam Jarrell-Ash microdensitometer interfaced with a digital recorder. The procedure for data reduction and structure analysis has been described in several previous publications. ${ }^{4}$ The elastic and inelastic form factors of

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Figure 1. Relative intensities as a function of diffraction angle [ $q=(40 / \lambda) \sin \theta / 2]$ for long and short sample-plate distances.

Tavard, et al., ${ }^{5}$ were used in conjunction with the Ibers and Hoerni ${ }^{6}$ phase-shift approximation in the intensity calculations.

## Analysis and Results

The experimental intensity and background curves are shown in Figure 1. The theoretical and reduced experimental molecular intensity curves are plotted in Figure 2, along with the difference between them. Figure 3 shows the final experimental radial distribution curve, where the lower oscillating curve is the difference between the experimental function and the theoretical radial distribution function calculated from the final best model.

In Figure 3, the radial distribution curve, the first peak is due to all bonded $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ distances, while the second peak is a superposition of the following bonded carboncarbon distances: $\mathrm{C}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{3}=1.513, \mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{5}=1.544$, and $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}=1.565 \AA$. The third peak centered at $r=2.37$ $\AA$ is contributed by all carbon-carbon nonbonded distances, $\mathrm{C}_{5}---\mathrm{C}_{6}=1.946, \mathrm{C}_{1}--\mathrm{C}_{4}=2.172, \mathrm{C}_{2}---\mathrm{C}_{5}=$ 2.381 , and $\mathrm{C}_{1}--\mathrm{C}_{3}=2.395 \AA$ and some nonbonded $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{H}$ distances. The last peak at $r=3.34 \AA$ is due to some further separated nonbonded $\mathrm{C}---\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{H}---\mathrm{H}$ distances.

Table I. Coordinates of Bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane

|  | $X$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | 1.0860 | 0.0 | $Z$ |
| $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 0.7565 | 0.0 | 1.5299 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | -0.7565 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | -1.0860 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | 0.0 | -0.9731 | 1.5299 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | 0.0 | 0.9731 | 2.0369 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{7}$ | 2.1937 | 0.0 | 2.0369 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{8}$ | 1.1103 | 0.9594 | 1.6327 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{9}$ | 1.1103 | -0.9594 | -0.4381 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{10}$ | -1.1103 | 0.9594 | -0.4381 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{11}$ | -1.1103 | -0.9594 | -0.4381 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{12}$ | -2.1937 | 0.0 | 1.6327 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{13}$ | 0.0 | -1.6582 | 2.9134 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{14}$ | 0.0 | -1.7063 | 1.2002 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{1 ;}$ | 0.0 | 1.6582 | 2.9134 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{16}$ | 0.0 | 1.7063 | 1.2002 |

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Figure 2. The experimental and theoretical $q M(q)$ curves; the lower oscillating curve is the difference between the theoretical and experimental curves.


Figure 3. Experimental radial distribution curve and the difference between the experimental and theoretical curves for the best model.

The structure of bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane is shown in Figure 4. Coordinates of the molecule are shown in Table I. $C_{2 v}$ symmetry was assumed for calculating the geometry of the molecule. The following geometrical parameters were used for calculations: $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}, \mathrm{C}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{3}$, $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{5}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{1}---\mathrm{C}_{4}, \mathrm{C}_{5}---\mathrm{C}_{6}, \angle \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{9}, \theta$ (the angle between $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{H}_{7}$ ), $\alpha$ (the angle between $\mathrm{C}_{5}-\mathrm{H}_{13}$ and the $y$ axis), and $\beta$ (the angle between $\mathrm{C}_{5}-\mathrm{H}_{14}$ and the $y$ axis). Models of $C_{2 v}$ symmetry with various combinations of geometrical parameters were tested before the execution of the least-squares program. The final values of these parameters and some mean amplitudes

Table II. The Geometrical Parameters for Bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane

| $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}, \AA$ | 1.565 | $\pm 0.024$ | $0.0607 \pm 0.0021$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{5}, \AA$ | 1.544 | $\pm 0.015$ | $0.0607 \pm 0.0021$ |
| $\mathrm{C}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{3}, \AA$ | 1.513 | $\pm 0.015$ | $0.0607 \pm 0.0021$ |
| $\langle\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}\rangle_{2 v}, \AA$ | $1.112 \pm 0.005$ | $0.095^{a}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C}_{1}--\mathrm{C}_{4}, \AA$ | $2.172 \pm 0.016$ | $0.090^{a}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C}_{5}--\mathrm{C}_{6}, \AA$ | 1.946 | $\pm 0.011$ | 0.129 |
| $\angle \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{9}, \operatorname{deg}$ | 109.2 | $\pm 4.0$ |  |
| $\theta, \operatorname{deg}$ | 5.3 | $\pm 4.2$ |  |
| $\alpha, \operatorname{deg}$ | 52.0 | $\pm 3.0$ |  |
| $\beta, \operatorname{deg}$ | 48.8 | $\pm 2.0$ |  |

${ }^{a}$ Assumed values.

Table III. Error Matrix

|  | $\mathrm{C}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | C-H | $\angle \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | $\theta$ | $\alpha$ | $\beta$ | $\mathrm{C}_{5}-\cdots{ }^{\text {- }}$ | IC-C | $l{ }^{\text {c }}$ - $-\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | $l \mathrm{C}_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{6}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | 0.0046 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 0.0053 | 0.0088 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | -0.0040 | -0.0064 | 0.0047 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C-H | 0.0010 | 0.0014 | $-0.0010$ | 0.0007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\angle \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ | H, 0.0290 | 0.0451 | -0.0326 | 0.0083 | 0.3467 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}_{1}--\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | -0.0044 | -0.0067 | 0.0049 | -0.0012 | -0.0314 | 0.0055 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\theta$ | 0.0624 | 0.0939 | -0.0662 | 0.0190 | 0.5747 | -0.0738 | 1.3770 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\alpha$ | -0.0416 | -0.0680 | 0.0494 | -0.0096 | -0.4307 | -0.0452 | -0.8726 | 0.9959 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\beta$ | 0.0467 | 0.0699 | -0.0505 | 0.0145 | 0.3385 | -0.0554 | +0.8907 | -0.6107 | 0.6882 |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}_{5}--\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | 0.0032 | 0.0042 | -0.0030 | 0.0009 | 0.0137 | -0.0040 | 0.0504 | -0.0105 | 0.0384 | 0.0037 |  |  |  |
| $1 \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ | -0.0012 | $-0.0025$ | 0.0018 | -0.0004 | -0.0124 | 0.0018 | -0.0254 | 0.0191 | -0.0190 | -0.0010 | 0.0007 |  |  |
| $l \mathrm{C}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | -0.0007 | -0.0009 | 0.0007 | $-0.0002$ | -0.0052 | 0.0005 | -0.0092 | 0.0108 | -0.0088 | 0.0001 | 0.0002 | 0.0004 |  |
| $l \mathrm{C}_{5}-\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | 0.0030 | 0.0055 | -0.0039 | 0.0010 | 0.0308 | $-0.0040$ | 0.0702 | $-0.0533$ | 0.0541 | 0.0021 | -0.0016 | -0.0008 | 0.0058 |

of vibrations were refined by applying a least-squares program on the reduced molecular intensity. A starting set of parameters based on the structure of Dallinga, et al., ${ }^{2}$ was also tested with the least-squares refinement


Figure 4. The structure of bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane.
program. Without imposing any constraint on the geometrical parameters, the set converged after 15 cycles to the same structure as we obtained previously. The final values of the geometrical parameters from the leastsquares analysis are listed in Table II. The error matrix is shown in Table III. The assigned uncertainties in Table II are three times the calculated standard deviations which are the diagonal elements of the error matrix.

## Discussion

The structure of bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane derived from this study shows several interesting features as compared with a similar but more rigid molecule, tricyclo[3.3.$0.0^{2,6}$ ]octane. ${ }^{1 \mathrm{~b}}$ A comparison of bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane, bicyclo[2.1.1]-2-hexene, ${ }^{7}$ and tricyclo[3.3.0.0 ${ }^{2,6}$ ]octane is shown in Table IV. As seen in Table IV, all C-C bond lengths in bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane have the same magnitudes as the corresponding $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond lengths in the tricyclic compound. One may view this as follows: the attachment of an ethylenic group $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$ to $\mathrm{C}_{5}, \mathrm{C}_{6}$ of bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane gives the tricyclic compound with unchanged $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond lengths. The dihedral angles of all these three substituted puckered
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Table IV. Comparison of the Structures of Bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane, Bicyclo[2.1.1]-2-hexene, and Tricyclo[3.3.0.0 ${ }^{2.6}$. Joctane

|  | Bicyclo- <br> [2.1.1]- <br> hexane | Bicyclo[2.1.1]- <br> 2-hexene | Tricyclo- <br> [3.3.0.02.6]- <br> octane |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}, \AA$ | 1.565 | 1.537 | 1.569 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{3}, \AA$ | 1.513 | $1.332(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C})$ | 1.516 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{5}, \AA$ | 1.544 | 1.549 | 1.558 |
| $\angle \mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{3}, \operatorname{deg}$ | 10.54 | 108.4 | 100.2 |
| $\alpha,{ }^{2} \operatorname{deg}$ | 125.0 | 123.5 | 126.7 |

${ }^{a} \alpha$ is the dihedral angle of the four-membered ring.
four-membered rings are very close to each other, $125.0^{\circ}$ for bicyclohexane, $123.5^{\circ}$ for bicyclohexene, and $126.7^{\circ}$ for tricyclooctane. The C-C bond length ( $1.544 \AA$ ) in the cyclobutane ring of bicyclohexane is identical with that in bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane ( $1.545 \AA$ ). ${ }^{8} \quad$ The dihedral angle of the former $\left(125.0^{\circ}\right)$ is not far from that of the latter $\left(120^{\circ}\right)$. The C-C distance in the four-membered ring of bicyclohexane also agrees with that in the unsubstituted cyclobutane. ${ }^{9}$

Another comparison is made for the five-membered ring in bicyclohexane and the unsubstituted cyclopentane. The average $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond length of the former ( $1.546 \AA$ ) is in complete agreement with that of the latter $(1.546 \AA) .{ }^{10}$ This value is longer than a normal C-C bond in ethane ${ }^{11}$ and $n$-alkanes ${ }^{12}$ by $0.012 \AA$.

The structure of bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane reported by Dallinga, et al., ${ }^{2}$ is of questionable value owing to the false assumption made in the structural analysis. In the analysis, the authors assumed that "the difference of $0.01 \AA$ in $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond length between cyclobutane and cyclopentane seems to be a well-established experimental fact." This is obviously not the case. The reported $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ distances in cyclobutane ${ }^{9}$ and cyclopentane ${ }^{10}$ are 1.548 and $1.546 \AA$, respectively. This assumption reduced the independent parameters for determining the carbon skeleton of bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane to one bond length and two bond angles. It is usually possible to obtain a fast convergence in a least-squares program with fewer variables, but the parameters thus
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Table V. The Constancy of the C-C Bond Length in
Cyclobutane Rings

| Compound | $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}(\AA)$ | Reference |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Bicyclo[2.1,1]hexane | 1.544 | This study, <br> electron diffraction |
| Bicyclo[2.1.1]-2-hexene | 1.549 | Electron diffraction <br> Cyclobutane |
| Tricyclo[3.3.0.0 ${ }^{2.6}$ ]octane | 1.548 | Electron diffraction $^{b}$ |
| Bicyclo[3.1.1]heptane | 1.558 | Electron diffraction $^{c}$ |
| Eliscyclobuty1 | 1.548 | Electron diffraction diffraction $^{d}$ |
| Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane | 1.545 | Electron diffraction $^{\prime}$ |

${ }^{a}$ See ref 7. ${ }^{b}$ See ref 9. ${ }^{c}$ See ref 1 b . ${ }^{d}$ G. Dallinga and L. H. Toneman, Recl. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas, 88, 185 (1969). © A. DeMeijere, Acta Chem. Scand., 20, 1093 (1965). f See ref 8.
obtained might not be the true ones. Owing to the above-mentioned reason, a comparison between the two structure determinations seems to be of little significance.

One may conclude that the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond length (1.545 $\AA$ ) in an unsubstituted cyclobutane ring and any substituted cyclobutane ring was constant, except for those rings with high electronegative substituents. Further support for this conclusion is shown in Table V. A surprisingly small $\angle \mathrm{HCH}\left(100.8^{\circ}\right)$ at $\mathrm{C}_{5}, \mathrm{C}_{6}$ has been found for this molecule and some other strained hydrocarbons. ${ }^{7,8}$

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# Molecular Complexes of Iodine with Alkyl- and Chloro-Substituted Phosphine Sulfides 

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#### Abstract

Absorption spectrophotometric studies have been made in the near-ultraviolet and visible spectral regions on the iodine complexes of trioctylphosphine sulfide, diethylchlorophosphine sulfide, and trichlorophosphine sulfide, with $n$-heptane as solvent. For the iodine complexes with trioctylphosphine sulfide and diethylchlorophosphine sulfide the charge-transfer band was located in the near-ultraviolet and employed in the evaluation of the thermodynamic parameters for $1: 1$ complex formation. The spectral characteristics for both of these chargetransfer bands were determined. The charge-transfer band for the trichlorophosphine sulfide-iodine complex could not be located. For all three complexes a "blue shift" of the visible iodine band was observed and isosbestic points were obtained. Thermodynamic parameters were evaluated from the shifted visible iodine band data and the spectral characteristics for this band were determined.


During the past two decades, since Benesi and Hildebrand first determined an equilibrium constant for the benzene-iodine complex, ${ }^{1}$ quantitative thermodynamic and electronic spectral data have been obtained for a great many iodine complexes involving a rather large variety of both n and $\pi$ electron donors. ${ }^{2}$ The strength of these iodine complexes, based on their standard enthalpies of formation, varies from about -1 $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}^{3}$ to $-12 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}^{4}$ Attempts have been made to correlate the electronic spectral properties with complex stability, for both the charge-transfer (CT) band and the "blue-shifted" visible iodine band. ${ }^{5}$

In order to establish trends and to obtain a meaningful correlation between theory and the thermodynamic

[^1]and electronic spectral properties of molecular complexes, it would be most useful to have experimental data involving the greatest range of complex stability for a series of structurally similar molecular complexes. One method of obtaining such data would be to investigate a series of complexes involving a common electron acceptor interacting with several different electron donors each containing the same electron donor site. This has been done, for example, with the iodine complexes of a series of aliphatic amines. ${ }^{4}$ However, the donor strength range of this series varied only from the strongest of known iodine complexes to those of intermediate strength and, consequently, did not include the relatively weak iodine complexes, with $K_{c}<1.0$. To cover a more complete range of iodinecomplex stability, three phosphine sulfides containing alkyl and chloro substituents were selected: trioctylphosphine sulfide, diethylchlorophosphine sulfide, and trichlorophosphine sulfide.

Another reason for the present study was to clarify some ambiguity with regard to the strength of trialkylphosphine sulfide-iodine complexes. For example, a


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